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HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce a bicameral resolution today, to express solidarity with and reaffirm the dire need to protect vulnerable and minority populations and their allies in Afghanistan under Taliban rule. I thank my Senate Colleague, Senator MARKEY, for his leadership on this urgent human rights issue.

The United States spent over twenty years in Afghanistan, in an endless war. It was crucial that we leave, and I applaud President Biden for commanding this effort and not leaving it as a task for yet another President. There is no good way to end a war without a decisive resolution; however, what we must not do is not leave innocent Afghan people behind. We cannot abandon the innocent women, children and families who have suffered through this war. We have a moral obligation to ensure that they are left with some system of government that respects and honors the international standards of human rights that our country has helped establish.

Reports have shown that Taliban fighters have explicitly targeted religious and ethnic minorities, abusing them with impunity, and have threatened Afghan journalists with violence. Similar reporting shows that the Taliban continue to target LGBTQI individuals, forcing them into hiding due to the threat of physical violence and attacks perpetrated by Taliban fighters. Women, in particular, are facing dire circumstances. Despite promises to the contrary, the Taliban leadership have re-instituted many of the draconian measures that characterized their previous rule. Restrictions on their freedom of movement, punishments for dress code violations, and constraints on their occupational and educational opportunities all severely limit the future of Afghan women—and subject them to gross injustices and violence.

The rapidly deteriorating human rights conditions in the country are exacerbated by the worsening humanitarian crisis, by which vulnerable and minority communities are disproportionately impacted.

I am proud to introduce this resolution today, which calls on the Biden Administration to work closely with the international community and nongovernmental organizations to support at-risk Afghan communities, including efforts to counter the growing humanitarian crisis that unduly impacts already vulnerable groups.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in calling for the protection of vulnerable and minority communities in Afghanistan

under Taliban rule, especially during this humanitarian crisis.

**REMEMBERING DR. CHARLES C.
MARY, JR.**

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles Callan Mary, Jr., M.D., a public servant who was inspired in life by his faith, education and a deep sense of purpose. He served the citizens of Louisiana with professionalism and humility over sixty-one years until his passing on February 5, 2022. He was a devoted husband of 58 years, father of 5, grandfather of 14, brother, uncle, and friend to many.

In his advanced studies, he soon recognized a calling that directed him to a pre-med curriculum at Loyola University of the South. Upon completion, he enrolled in Louisiana State University Medical School, graduating in 1961 with a Doctor of Medicine degree.

Dr. Mary completed an internal medicine residency at LSU's Medical School and then joined the Department of Medicine. He dedicated 18 years of his early professional life to Charity Hospital and its patients, staff and students, where he served as student, intern, resident, Assistant Clinical Director and then, in 1970 rose to the position of Medical Director and CEO. He felt in his heart this was his calling and Charity Hospital was his home.

Gov. Edwin W. Edwards appointed Dr. Mary as the first Commissioner of the newly created State Department of Health, Social and Rehabilitation Services, as well as State Health Officer in 1973.

In 1974, Dr. Mary went into private practice, founding the Mary Medical Clinic in New Orleans. He relocated his practice to St. Jude Medical Center in Kenner, and then Elmwood Medical Center in Metairie, where he would continue to practice internal medicine until his semi-retirement in 1997. He continued to see patients on a limited basis until Hurricane Ida in 2021. He also had a live local radio show called "Ask Dr. Mary," which aired every week for over 15 years.

Dr. Mary's faith was fundamental to his life's work. Starting as an altar boy at Our Lady of Lourdes and continuing throughout his adulthood, he served and participated in many capacities, including as: a Knight of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great; a Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; a Knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta; a recipient of the Order of St. Louis IX (Archdiocese of New Orleans); a member of both the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.; and a member of the Board of Trustees of La Roche College in Pittsburgh, PA.

His involvement did not stop there—he embraced the love of Mardi Gras instilled in him

from his father respecting the traditions and celebrations of Carnival. Since his childhood, he remained active in the Knights of Babylon as a rider, an officer, board member and ultimately Captain and Capitan Emeritus after his father's 30 plus year tenure. Like every true New Orleanian, Dr. Mary was an ardent football fan (especially LSU and the Saints), an avid tennis player, a notorious joke teller and a lover of fine New Orleans signature food and libations.

The entire New Orleans community is grateful to Dr. Charles C. Mary, Jr. for his dedicated service to the field of medicine, his philanthropic contributions. His legacy will live on.

**HONORING THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO SAVED THE LIFE OF
MORRISONVILLE FIREFIGHTER
BILL TODD**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible work of the Morrisonville Fire Department, Beekmantown Fire Department, Plattsburgh City Fire Department, Morrisonville EMS, and the N.Y. State Troopers who saved the life of fellow first responder, fireman Bill Todd.

On September 3, 2021, Morrisonville firefighter and lifetime member Bill Todd rushed into action after being called to the site of a fatal three-car crash. First responders from several departments quickly arrived at the site of the crash in Beekmantown and began to assist rescue efforts. During the emergency response, fireman Bill Todd collapsed, suffering a near-fatal heart attack. His fellow first responders instantly rushed to his aid, beginning CPR and shocking Mr. Todd twice with an AED. Once he was revived, Mr. Todd was brought to the University of Vermont Health Network and was then transferred to Fletcher Allen Health Care in Vernon for open-heart surgery.

After his open-heart surgery, Bill Todd spent time recovering in the hospital. When he returned home to Morrisonville in October, he was welcomed back with a surprise parade put on by crews from Morrisonville Fire, Morrisonville EMS, Cadyville Fire, Beekmantown Fire, District 3 Fire, Peru Fire, and South Plattsburgh Fire. Todd's family, neighbors, and friends greeted him with applause and cheers.

Bill Todd's fellow first responders went above and beyond that day and ultimately saved the life of another hero. The service of these incredible first responders can never be understated. I would like to thank the brave first responders who saved Mr. Todd's life that day, including Ted Gordon, Kevin Randall, Gary Brown, Nicholas Paine, Conrad Lavarney, Ryan Sponable, and Ryan Williams. The actions of these brave first responders represent the exceptional service

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and commitment to community in the North Country.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank these first responders for their lifesaving actions and their commitment to safeguarding the community every day.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOHN C. LAW

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. John C. Law, who passed away on January 20, 2022. John, a resident of the City of Santa Monica, was a beloved husband, father, and champion of affordable, high-quality health care.

John dedicated his life to serving others and was a generous philanthropist in the Los Angeles community throughout his time on the Board of Directors at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, which he joined in 1997. He loved Los Angeles for its dynamism and diversity, and it was of great importance to him that the board of an esteemed medical institution like Cedars-Sinai reflected this. During his tenure serving Cedars, John championed efforts to bring women and people of color on to the Board of Directors and to better the health and well-being of the Los Angeles community. As President of the Los Angeles Free Clinic, he worked to improve health care quality, access, and outcomes for underserved communities in the region.

John contributed to health care causes and research not only through sweat equity but also through his tremendous generosity. John and his wife made their first gift to Cedars-Sinai in 1992 and contributed frequently to its prostate cancer research and health care leadership funds. An accomplished businessman, he served as president of the Los Angeles County Capital Asset Leasing Corporation and as the Co-Managing Director of Warland Investments, a property development and management company. Before his time in Los Angeles, John resided in Washington, D.C., where he co-founded Bendixen and Law, a family attorney professional corporation in operation for over 40 years.

John is survived by his loving wife, Hope Warshaw and their son, John Law-Warshaw. He had an amazing spirit that was dedicated to serving his family and especially those most in need. He will be greatly missed by his friends, family, and all who know him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts Improvement Act of 2022. This bill would make several important improvements to the operations of the local District of Columbia courts.

Under the D.C. Home Rule Act, D.C. has no authority to amend title 11 of the D.C. Code

(relating to organization and jurisdiction of the local D.C. courts). This bill only amends provisions in title 11.

First, this bill makes several changes to jury service in the D.C. Superior Court. It ties Superior Court juror pay to the pay jurors receive in federal court. Superior Court jurors are currently paid less than federal jurors. The bill also modernizes juror summonses by giving prospective jurors the option to receive a summons electronically, which will save the court money on postage and staff time. The bill further allows jurors who are 70 years old or older to be excused from jury service if the individual so requests.

Next, this bill allows the local D.C. courts to pay attorneys appointed to represent indigent defendants in criminal proceedings and indigent children in delinquency and need of supervision proceedings up to the amount currently allowed in federal court. The local D.C. courts' current rate is \$42 per hour less than the federal rate. Similarly, the bill eliminates the \$25 hourly rate fixed rate for D.C. Criminal Justice Act investigators and caps the rate at the rate of pay for investigators in the U.S. District Court for D.C. Investigators in federal court in D.C. are currently paid \$65 an hour, and up to \$75 an hour in death penalty and other complex cases.

This bill also would move the appointment and removal of the Register of Wills (ROW) and supervisory responsibilities from the Chief Judge of the Superior Court to the Executive Officer of the D.C. courts. This change would provide the Executive Officer oversight of the personnel for the entire Probate Division, including the ROW, which will improve efficiency in making personnel decisions and in the overall administration of the Probate Division.

While both the federal government and the District of Columbia government have statutory authority to give retroactive pay increase to employees, the local D.C. courts do not have this authority. This bill corrects this deficiency.

The bill also changes references to the Domestic Violence Unit to the Domestic Violence Division, and updates references to individuals with intellectual disabilities. It would also increase the jurisdictional limit of the Small Claims Branch to \$12,000, indexed for inflation.

The bill further provides permanent authority to the local D.C. courts to retain bar examination and admission fees, independent gift authority, permanent procurement authority for motor vehicles and express authority to permit other entities to use their facilities.

Legislation to improve the operations of the local D.C. Courts has been enacted into law several times over the last decade on a bipartisan basis. I hope this bill will likewise be passed in a bipartisan manner.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

HONORING SHENANDOAH COUNTY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation honoring Shenandoah County's 250th anniversary.

Whereas, Shenandoah County will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of its founding in 2022; and

Whereas, since its first indigenous inhabitants, almost 500 generations have called this area home; and

Whereas, the county, originally known as Dunmore, was established by the Virginia General Assembly on March 24, 1772; and

Whereas the county was renamed Shenandoah in 1778 to reflect the occupants dedication to the Patriot cause during the American Revolution; and

Whereas the fertile lands have shaped the history of this area and allowed Shenandoah County to become a leading agricultural producer; and

Whereas, Shenandoah County has a strong history of local businesses, farms, healthcare, tourism, and manufacturing; and

Whereas, Shenandoah County continues to grow by capitalizing on its distinct character, diverse population, and natural beauty; and

Whereas, Shenandoah County provides its citizens an award winning education system, bountiful job opportunities, and rich quality of life; and

Whereas, Shenandoah County citizens value the County's history, treasured landmarks, neighborly spirit, and vibrant communities; and

Whereas, the first 250 years of Shenandoah County have been fruitful in experiences and forward-looking ventures; and

Whereas, the residents of Shenandoah County will gather to commemorate their storied history and bright future throughout 2022; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the United States House of Representatives that we commend Shenandoah County on the occasion of its historic 250th anniversary; and, be it

Resolved Further, that this resolution be presented to the chair of the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors as an expression of the U.S. House of Representatives' congratulations, admiration for the County's history and contributions to the Commonwealth, and best wishes in all its future endeavors.

HONORING MR. DAN JOHNSON

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Mr. Dan Johnson, a respected servant leader whose dedicated forty-five year career in municipal government has led to the direct enrichment of numerous communities in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Mr. Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Austin College and his master's degree in Public Administration from the University of North Texas where he was later named the recipient of the 1995 Distinguished Alumni award. Additionally, Dan is a graduate of the prestigious Public Executive Institute of the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

For several years, Johnson held a variety of municipal government positions throughout North Texas, including past service as the City Manager and Deputy City Manager for the City of Carrollton, as the Director of Regional Services at the North Central Texas Council of

Governments, and as a Budget Officer for the City of Sherman.

In 1996, Dan began his impressive 25-year career with the City of Richardson serving as the Deputy City Manager and Chief Operating Officer from 1996 until he was appointed City Manager in 2012. His active role in economic development initiatives would be instrumental in fostering the prosperity of communities throughout Collin County.

As a testament to the admiration Johnson has garnered in the community, his past leadership roles include serving as the President of several organizations including the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas, and the Texas City Management Association. Other notable positions include his current service on the Methodist Richardson Medical Center Advisory Board, the University of Texas at Dallas Development Board, the Advisory Council for the UT Dallas School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, and as the Treasurer and Board Executive Committee Member of the North Texas Commission.

Now as Dan Johnson prepares to begin a new season of life following his illustrious career, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing him for his dedication and many contributions to the betterment of the North Texas region.

REMEMBERING GEORGIANA BRUNET

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Mrs. Georgiana Smith Brunet, who found her heavenly wings on February 9, 2022 at the age of 97 years old. She was known to many as the Matriarch of Algiers, Louisiana, and was recently honored as the oldest serving community activist in my hometown. Affectionately called "Bunny," she dedicated her entire life to her family, faith, and community.

Mrs. Brunet attended Illinois State University and the Booker T. Washington Nursing Program of New Orleans. She was married to her late husband Mr. Bernard Brunet, Jr. for 37 years and together they had five children, her pride and joy.

A devout Catholic, Mrs. Brunet was an active parishioner of All Saints Church for over 71 years where she served on the Social Outreach Committee as well as the All Saints Sodality. She was a member of the All Saints Rosary Group/Legion of Mary for over 40 years. In 2012 her lifelong commitment earned her the prestigious Order of St. Louis IX Medallion, an award which honors laypersons who have contributed their time and talents to the church. The award was presented by Archbishop Aymond, the Archdiocese of New Orleans at St. Louis Cathedral.

Mrs. Brunet became an active community advocate for the Algiers area, while working as a Pediatric Nurse within the community over her 30 years. Mrs. Brunet's community activism was also celebrated when she was honored at the Algiers Courthouse in 2012 for her volunteer work.

Mrs. Brunet left a lasting mark on many of the organizations she actively participated in

including the Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver St. Rita's Court 36, 3rd and 4th degree, serving as Treasurer; the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Auxiliary; Fan Advisory Committee of her beloved New Orleans Saints; Girl Scouts of America, and Krewe of NOMTOC ("New Orleans Most Talked of Club").

Mrs. Brunet was lovingly known as "Mother Jugs" for her work establishing the Krewe of NOMTOC and the Jugs Social Club, of which her husband was a co-founder and President. Nothing stood in her way of preparing and enjoying the Krewe of NOMTOC on parade Saturdays.

Mrs. Brunet kept busy following the activities of the New Orleans Council on Aging, attending events at the Arthur Monday Senior Center, craft-making, cooking, lobbying the State Legislature, and event planning.

Beyond her work, Georgiana had a vibrant social life. She was truly the life of the party and would carefully plan her costumes weeks in advance. She was a lively character with an undeniable fashion sense, always dressed to the nines on every occasion. Additionally, Georgiana was an avid traveler, visiting most states and several international destinations. She was a lover of politics, people, and fun, and a member of the Golden Girls Social Circle.

Algiers, Louisiana will never be the same without her. Her poise, talents and enduring love of everyone she touched will live in our hearts forever. We will all be better citizens because of the mark she left on each of us.

CELEBRATING U.S.-UZBEKISTAN PARTNERSHIP

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the enduring friendship between the United States and Uzbekistan, and to recognize the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between our nations, including the 20th anniversary of the U.S.-Uzbekistan Strategic Partnership. Uzbekistan plays a fundamental role in the development of an independent, resilient, and democratic Central Asia. It is a burgeoning force for regional economic growth and a vital partner in strengthening regional stability and cooperation.

Since Uzbekistan's independence in 1991, with the fall of the Soviet Union, the United States and the international community have witnessed Uzbekistan emerge from what was once considered one of the world's most isolated and repressive countries into a nation of noteworthy transformational improvements.

Today, Uzbekistan strives to modernize and liberalize the economy; streamline its bureaucracy; ease political tension; address human rights concerns; and engage with the international community, attracting foreign investment. Our friendship continues to flourish. In 2019, the U.S. Department of Commerce led its first certified trade mission to Uzbekistan to discuss advancing trade opportunities between the two countries, and to open new markets for U.S. business interests.

In 2021, the U.S. Department of State and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic

of Uzbekistan launched a successful inaugural meeting of the U.S.-Uzbekistan Strategic Partnership Dialogue in Tashkent, inspiring a continued constructive exchange on critical issues.

I will continue to be a friend of Uzbekistan and support the great strides Uzbekistan has made to democratize. I look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship between our two nations.

COMMEMORATING THE LYLES CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CENTEN- NIAL

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the completion of the Lyles Consolidated School located in Gibson County, Indiana. This school served as a cornerstone of Lyles Station, a town that began as an African American farming settlement, until its closure in 1955 and again today as a museum where the history of the site and town are preserved.

Throughout its history, the Lyles Consolidated School produced exemplary graduates including; Alonzo Fields, the Chief Butler for Presidents at the White House for 21 years, Burniss Priestly, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Aaron Fisher, the most decorated African American soldier from Indiana to serve in World War I, and Matthias Nolcox, the first principal of Indianapolis' Crispus Attucks High School.

It wasn't until 1999 when this outstanding piece of our history was recognized and protected by being added to the National Register of Historic Places, an important step in preserving the building after it had fallen to disrepair after closure. Today, the Lyles Station Historic School and Museum continues the tradition of educating visitors on the contributions, struggles, and achievements of the African American Hoosiers who studied and lived here. The school is filled with period-correct seating, books, and other materials that help bring the site to life for those that visit.

I am grateful to the Hoosiers that painstakingly work to preserve this part of our history, and encourage my colleagues and all of their constituents to come visit southern Indiana so that they can stop by the Lyles Station Historic School and Museum to recognize their centennial and contributions to the United States.

RECOGNIZING DR. BARBARA SHANNON-BANNISTER

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Barbara Shannon-Bannister for receiving the Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award from Aurora Community of Faith, and for her lifelong service to our community.

The Spirit of MLK Award is presented to an individual who emulates the values, ideas, dreams, and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King,

Jr. This year, Aurora Community of Faith presented the Spirit of MLK Award to Dr. Shannon-Bannister for her selfless service as an ally and advocate for our community. Devoted to a cause greater than herself, Dr. Shannon-Bannister works tirelessly to take risks and address critical issues and concerns in the lives of everyday people—just as Dr. King did.

Dr. Shannon-Bannister dedicated her life to serving the community. From founding several nonprofit organizations that aid the underserved to bringing the Aurora Branch of the NAACP to Colorado, she has long been engaged in civil rights advocacy and issues impacting marginalized communities. Upon her retirement from a 36-year career with the City of Aurora, Dr. Shannon-Bannister has focused her efforts on Grand Design Inc.—a nonprofit organization she founded in 1984 to preserve cultural and musical traditions of the Black community in Aurora. It is still one of the only Black performing arts companies in the city.

Dr. Shannon-Bannister is a fervent advocate and champion for the African American community, and her commitment—and voice—has never wavered from aiding those in need. Her extraordinary career and service to our community epitomize what it means to live a life for others. In honoring the legacy of Dr. King, I can think of no one more deserving of the Spirit of MLK Award. I congratulate and thank her for her incredible dedication to our community.

HONORING THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AS THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS SINCE ITS FOUNDING

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Long Beach, as the community celebrates 100 years since its founding in 1922.

On this historic occasion, I find it important to briefly revisit the history of Long Beach. Originally purchased as a parcel of land by Henry Harrison Tinker in 1880, the land was transformed into a small town known as Tinkerville. Only a few decades later in 1922, the coastal town of Tinkerville would be reestablished under a new name—Long Beach.

Long Beach has certainly transformed over the years. But while physical structures may have come and gone, the spirit and resiliency of the folks who call it home have not.

As Southwest Washington's Member of Congress, it's an honor and privilege to serve and represent this special community. I will continue working to make sure Long Beach remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Once again, I want to honor the City of Long Beach, as it celebrates 100 years since its founding. May the city and its people flourish for 100 more.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HAVEN J. BARLOW

HON. BLAKE D. MOORE

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Haven J. Barlow. Utah lost a community giant who lived to be 100 years old. It's hard to believe, but Haven's life was nearly cut short when at just nine months old a train struck the Model T Ford he was riding in, killing his mother and 3 other passengers. Fortunately he survived and lived a full life in service of others. Haven served our country as a Navy Ensign in World War II and was the longest serving state legislator in Utah history, first elected in 1953 and served until 1995.

Haven's service to Utah and Davis County is immeasurable where he spent much of his time focused on matters pertaining to education. He led the fight to establish and fund the first state vocational institution in Davis County—now Davis Technical College, the establishment of Weber State/Davis Campus, and Utah's creation of the weighted pupil index (WPU) ensuring a child can get the same level of education regardless of where they lived. In addition, Haven helped establish the Hill Aerospace Museum, the Freeport Center, the restoration of Utah's Governors Mansion and was behind the original Utah Symphony Endowment fund.

Haven was married to Bonnie Rae Ellison for 58 years before her passing and raised 6 children.

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF WALTER SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DC APPLESEED

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the critically important and remarkable work of Walter Smith, who, after over 20 years, is stepping down as the executive director of the DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice. At DC Appleseed, Walter has made significant contributions to the District of Columbia on issues ranging from democracy to public health to the environment to education.

I have worked closely with Walter in the fight for statehood, congressional voting representation and home rule for D.C. Walter has been one of the intellectual architects of these efforts, leading litigation, testifying before Congress and authoring legal opinions.

Walter has led DC Appleseed's important work on HIV/AIDS, early childhood programs, special education, drinking water, the Anacostia River and end-of-life care. Last year, Walter's work led to a settlement with a health insurer that resulted in the creation of a \$95 million fund to address public health needs in D.C.

Walter has litigated numerous cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and the D.C. Court of Appeals. Prior to joining DC Appleseed,

Walter served as Special Deputy Corporation Counsel at the D.C. Office of the Corporation Counsel, which is now D.C.'s Office of the Attorney General, where he oversaw major litigation. Prior to his D.C. service, Walter practiced appellate litigation at Hogan Lovells for 16 years, where he served as a partner and was the full-time director of the firm's pro bono practice. Walter also served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps.

Walter is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and Harvard Law School. After law school, Walter clerked for a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Walter has been recognized for his outstanding legal work. For example, Walter received the President's Award from the Washington Council of Lawyers in 2011, was named one of the "90 Greatest Washington Lawyers of the last 30 years" in 2007 by the Legal Times and received the D.C. Bar's highest award for public service, the Brennan Award, in 2014. He has also enjoyed an active role in local musical theater, starring in several major productions.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the important contributions of Walter Smith, and to congratulate him as he steps down as the executive director of the DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JONATHAN "JON" FLAGLER

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. Jonathan "Jon" Flagler, a beloved community member and firefighter in the 33rd Congressional District who passed away in the line of duty at the age of 48 on January 6, 2022.

Born on October 9, 1974, Jon was born and raised in the neighborhood of San Pedro in the City of Los Angeles. He attended Crestwood Elementary School, Dodson Middle School, and graduated Class of 1992 from San Pedro High School. Immediately after high school, Jon threw himself into working towards his passion, dedicating his time to helping others by becoming a firefighter. After high school, he attended El Camino Community College to take fire science classes and then later graduated from Rio Hondo's Fire Academy. Jon continued his education and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Fire Administration from California State University, Los Angeles in 2001.

Jon began his 21-year career as an industrial firefighter with Northrop Grumman Aerospace in 2002 before being hired by the City of Vernon Fire Department later that same year. He spent the majority of his career working at Vernon Fire Station One and Three. In 2020, Jon relocated to the Los Angeles County Fire Department after the agency took over firefighting services for the City of Vernon. As a part of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, he worked at Fire Station 22 before moving to Fire Station 83, located in Rancho Palos Verdes, just a few blocks from his childhood home. Tragically, Jon lost his life in the line of duty—bravely fighting a fire, selflessly protecting the community he served.

Jon exemplified the important traits of a firefighter both on the job and off the job. Jon was known by friends as always being willing to lend a helping hand and for his infectious smile that would light up a whole room. As a man of faith dedicated to a life of service, Jon's greatest love was always his family.

Jon is survived by his loving wife Jenny and sons Brody and Jack Flagler; his nephews Matix, Corey, Van, and his niece Mikiela, and his in-laws Dwight, Cindy, and Tracy. May his kindness and dedication to selflessness continue to live on in those he touched with his compassionate and welcoming spirit.

HONORING THE HEROIC LIFE AND
SERVICE OF RICHARD C.
WOODCOCK, SR.

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic life of Army veteran

and Saratoga Springs native, Richard C. Woodcock, Sr.

Richard Woodcock was born on August 7, 1937 in Saratoga Springs, New York. After graduating from Saratoga Spring High School in 1958, Richard joined the U.S. Army and was subsequently honorably discharged.

After his time in the military, Richard dedicated his life to serving the town and residents of Saratoga Springs. With the help of his father, Richard built Eastside Garage at 46 East Avenue in Saratoga Springs, which he owned and operated for fifty-five years. At Eastside Garage, Richard owned several tow trucks and was always willing to help his community whenever his services were needed, regardless of the time or day. He was the official tow truck driver of Saratoga Springs and a top provider for the American Automobile Association.

After selling Eastside Garage, Richard opened a contract hauling business, RCW Transport. They delivered sanders and salt spreaders for Tarrant Manufacturing out of Saratoga Springs. Richard also transported materials to the new Tappan Zee Bridge Project for Fort Miller out of Greenwich, New

York. During his retirement, Richard remained an active participant in his community. He was a member of the Hudson Mohawk Chapter of the American Truck Historical, where he organized performances, worked the front gate, and helped with ticket distribution. Richard also volunteered at the front desk of Matt's Service Center, which was owned by his business rival and lifelong friend Matt Ernst.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary life of Richard Woodcock. It is my hope that his active spirit and community service will be carried on by those who knew and loved him. Richard will be buried with military honors in the Saratoga National Cemetery.